

Monthly Literature.

The Eclectic Magazine.—For sound practical information there is not in the whole range of American monthly literature a publication which will compare with this, the characteristic feature of which is the reproduction of the best articles in the European Magazines.

It has taken a high rank as it is most valuable publication in America. Each number is embellished with a fine lithograph—generally a portrait of distinguished person. The January issue portrays Charles Dickens, and in addition the Coronation of the Emperor of Russia. The articles on the New Germanic Empire and Notes of the Battle of Waterloo, are among the best in that issue. The February number opens with a likeness of Baron Liebig, the eminent philosopher and chemist. Among a number of excellent articles, the Conventional Laws of Society, and Memories of Moscow, are very interesting. The March number has a likeness of Hon. Chas. F. Adams, American Minister at the Court of St. James, and among its articles, is a very interesting one on Strance, Renan and Euseo Homo, taken from the Edinburgh Review. The writer exhibits the diversity of criticism which that remarkable book, Euseo Homo, has called forth. Of it and its author Spurgeon says: "If this treatise be the production of a minority of any denomination of Evangelical Christians, he ought, if it has half as much honesty as any ordinary thief, to resign his position at once." Before leaving this sterling monthly we must refer the reader to the December number, which contains a most life-like portrait of Dr. Anderson, late Secretary of the A. B. C. F. M.

The Atlantic Monthly—For March represents the third installment of Dr. O. W. Holmes's novel, "The Guardian Angel," gives the concluding part of "George Bellum," by Mrs. H. D. Davis, and continues the series on "The Glacial Phenomena of Maine," by Professor Agassiz. Col. T. W. Higginson has a lively description of his military experience in South Carolina, in a paper entitled, "Out on Picket."

"Mr. Hardwick on the Derivation of Man from the Monkey," illustrates the more cheerful aspects of some of the alleged discoveries of recent physical science. A ready graphic sketch of Chicago by Mr. Parton, which should be read by every one, relates a variety of curious particulars in regard to the wonderful growth of that miracle of the West. On its material development he remarks as follows:

SPLENDOR OF CHICAGO.

Chicago is still a young city. It stretches along the lake about eight miles, but does not reach back into the prairie more than two.

In the heart of the town the stranger beholds blocks of stone, solid, lofty, and in the most recent taste, hotels of great magnitude, and the most sumptuous houses to be seen in any city. The streets are now crowded with vehicles, and people as any in New-York, and there is nothing exhibited in the windows of New York which may not be seen in those of Chicago.

As the visitor passes along, he sees at every moment some new evidence that he has arrived at a rich metropolis. Now it is true, that the greater portion of the population that has attracted his attention is now a large dry-goods store, or vast depot of groceries. The next moment he finds himself peering into a restaurant, as plentiful as a steamboat, and larger than Yester's; or into a dining-room window, when in addition to other delicacies of the season, there is a spacious cake of iron, covered with a thin skin, which is the sole property of the establishment.

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To the Editor of the P. C. Advertiser:

—Permit me through the columns of your widely circulated journal, a space for a subject well worthy of zealous discussion on the part of our intelligent and enlightened community of these isles.

It has been my anxious wish that some person better adapted than the writer, might lay such facts as are daily occurring before the public with regard to the prevention of cruelty to animals. We have societies of every nature, but none for this, and I venture to say most required. May I be allowed to suggest to Mr. Editor, why should not, among so many human individuals, organize a society for that purpose, as in other flourishing cities. I cannot myself reflect on a better cause for protection, and more especially when our noble animal, the horse, is so plentiful and brought into such requisition, both for pleasure and other services, in which he is so much needed.

It was only last week, allow me to state, I had one of these quadrupeds properly secured in a place allotted to him, but by the malicious work of some person, I feel certain, he had evidently been driven from the premises and had naturally strayed away.

I was only acquainted on Wednesday last that the missing animal was wounded, and had damaged sugar cane in the vicinity of Punchbowl, to the amount of \$250. I applied to the keeper, who demanded the preposterous sum of 50 cents per day for his keep and trouble, independent of the damage done, and that I could not obtain my property unless the exorbitant charge of \$5 was forthcoming.

This I would not have begrimed, had I known the dumb animal had been properly fed and cared for, but no. And I say to any one, unless he have a heart of stone, it would make it bleed to visit this den and witness those poor wretched frames, apparently too exhausted to carry their bare carcasses, panted in, doing penance through negligence or oversight of their owners. Shall we thus let this animal be so tampered with when folder is so reasonable, plentiful, and easy of access. This statement I venture to make, and I know it can be well substantiated, that the allowance tendered the whole of these poor beasts, varying from 20 to 30 head, would not more than suffice for one moderate-sized animal for a 24 hours' repast.

It is not a bit less richly provided for on the score of intellectual nutriment.

LITERARY CULTIVATION.

Such books, too, as the people of Chicago and the North West are buying! Already three large book-houses are competing to supply the demand of this great market. The most attractive, as well as the most promising, indication of the healthful progress of Chicago is the rapid growth of the number of book-shops offered for sale. The book-houses, the shelves of which are crowded with the best literature, are not exotic. They come in obedience to the law of demand and supply. All our leading publishing houses have their lists of publications completely represented, and generally at a very reasonable price.

The demand for foreign books, is very great. You see in these large establishments an assortment almost as large and valuable as is to be found in any of our Atlantic cities. Here have been sold over 1,500 sets of Appleton's Encyclopedia, 10 volumes, and included in the general collection of sets, the standard American histories, in 22 volumes, worth \$20 a set, have found their way. We were surprised to find here such works, for example as Robertson's "Holy Land," the works of Sir Joshua Reynolds, of Hogarth, Gilray, Dore, Jameson, Myrick, and many others, at prices varying from \$100 to \$400 each. We were surprised, too, to read in a Chicago newspaper, the news of a sum of \$2500 to be delivered in the French language. Allied to the book business is the news business, which is not the least among the noteworthy things of this city. The business itself is an outgrowth of the express business, which, by its ramifications and publications, has become a standard of excellence, and has a great public servant. The express has been in almost every town, certainly in almost every respectable village, a news stand; and the influence of these cheap establishments in the diffusion of intelligence, as well as this other function, the provision of a peculiar class of cheap literature, it will be the duty of some future historian to determine.

Other noticeable articles in this number are a pow-